

walk, bike, or telecommute. Eat less meat and buy local produce from our community farmers market. Use recycled paper, print less, use energy saving computer settings and green our office. Seal and insulate our homes, reduce, reuse, recycle and use water efficiently. We should know that we are all in this together. For over a decade, the first full week in April has been National Public Health Week. 50,000 members of the American Public Health Association and its affiliates, across the Nation are speaking out this week on climate change and health. That's because when it comes to climate change, our health is in the balance.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MICHAEL TURNER FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Michael Turner showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Michael Turner was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Michael Turner always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Michael Turner on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

**HON. TRENT FRANKS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2008*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this body with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is April 8, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand—just today. That is more than the number of innocent American lives that were lost on September 11th, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,860 days since the travesty called Roe v. Wade was handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of our own children.

Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over their vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common.

They were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone. Each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each of their mothers, whether she realizes it

immediately or not, will never be the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever.

Yet even in the full glare of such tragedy, this generation clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims to date, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it is important for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves again of why we are really all here.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government."

The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says: "No state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here. It is our sworn oath.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is that clarion Declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core self-evident truth. It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. It is who we are.

And yet Madam Speaker, another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection that we should have given them.

Madam Speaker, let me conclude, in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard this sunset memorial tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies, that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express, and that 12,860 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust, is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Madam Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of the innocent unborn. May that be the day we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect the least of these, our tiny American brothers and sisters, from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is April 8, 2008—12,860 days since Roe v. Wade first stained the foundation of this nation with the blood of its own children—this, in the land of free and the home of the brave.

CONGRATULATING THE HAMMOND CENTRAL LADY RED DEVILS UPON WINNING THE 2008 NEW YORK STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL CLASS D CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2008*

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hammond Central School District's Lady Red Devils of Hammond, New York, upon winning the 2008 New York State Girls Basketball Class D Championship. It is an honor to represent the Lady Red Devils, who are the first North Country team to win back-to-back championships.

On March 16, 2008, the Hammond Central Lady Red Devils won their second New York State Girls Basketball Class D Championship when they defeated the John A. Coleman Catholic High School Stateswomen by a score of 47 to 38. In that game, the Lady Red Devils charged to a 10–1 first-quarter advantage and played tough defense as they worked to defend their State title. Of note, Aubrie Dunn pulled down 10 rebounds, Nicole Davidson had 9 rebounds and 12 points, and tournament MVP Brittany Kenyon scored 17 points.

The Hammond Central Lady Red Devils completed the 2008 season with a record of 24 and 4. They were coached by Athletic Director Shawn Dack and assistant coaches Larry Hollister, Superintendent Doug McQueer, and Chet Truskowski. Other team members were scorekeepers Todd Dack and Cathy Tulley and players Whitney Atkins, Cassie Cunningham, Jessie Disotell, Brooke Hollister, Katlyn Hunt, Malynda Jenne, Jackie Knight, Jessica Martin, Jessica Measheaw, Sara Measheaw, and Sarah Sheridan.

Madam Speaker, it takes a tremendous amount of dedication, discipline, hard work, and teamwork to win a State championship, let alone to win consecutive State championships. I am very proud of the Hammond Central Lady Red Devils and ask my colleagues to join with me in extending our congratulations to this team, their families, and the community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ALEX GROW FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Alex Grow showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Alex Grow was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Alex Grow always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Alex Grow on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.